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'69 Class reunion

Above are members of the Class of 1969 at East Central Community College who attended reunion activities held as part of the College's Homecoming '99 celebration. Seated from left are Gloria Sanders McRae, Carthage; Janice Steed Martin, Philadelphia; and Nancy Henderson Edwards, Carthage. Standing, from left, are David Howell, Carthage; Betty Lewis Gomillion, Walnut Grove, Jeannie Jones Vance, Decatur; and Gerald Jordan, Carthage.

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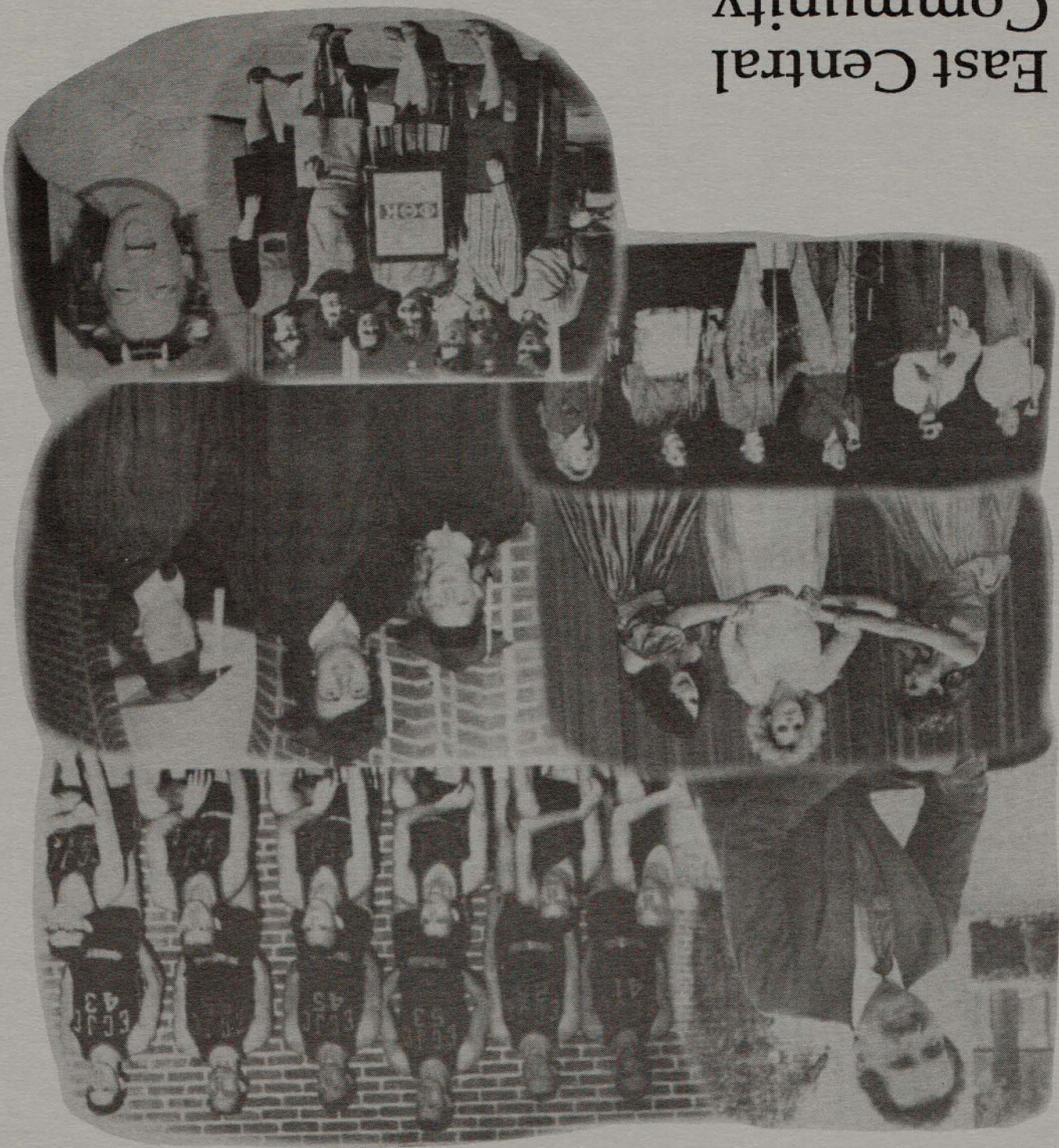
EC Class of '39

Above are members of the Class of 1939 at East Central Community College who attended reunion activities held as part of the College's Homecoming '99 celebration. Seated, from left, are Arlease Lewis Young of Rose Hill and Mabel Palmer, of New Orleans, Louisiana. Standing from left are Armour Jackson Idom of Jackson, Ruth Herring Green of Leakesville and Dr. Lou Stribling of Carthage.

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Record of Alumni Association Awards

Alumni of the Year

1964-B.O. Smith (Deceased)
 1965-Lucille Wood, Decatur
 1966-Henry D. Horton, Louisville
 1967-Crowley Alford (Deceased)
 1968-W.H. Johnson, Jr., Decatur
 1969-Arthur Winstead (Deceased)
 1970-Leon Sims (Deceased)
 1971-Charles Carter, Jackson
 1972-Dr. William L. Weems, Jackson
 1973-Arno Vincent, Meridian
 1974-Elizabeth K. Darby, Philadelphia
 1975-W.C. Spence (Deceased)
 1976-John Risher, Philadelphia
 1977-Jessie M. Everett, Decatur
 1978-Class of 1928, First Class
 1979-Glenn D. Walker, Union
 1980-Russell Walton (Deceased)
 1981-Dwight Mulholland, Collinsville
 1982-Denver Brackeen, Union
 1983-Frank Hunter (Deceased)
 1984-Herman Alford (Deceased)
 1985-Carl B. Cooper (Deceased)
 Dr. Beverly Oliphant,
 Washington, D.C.
 1986-Kenneth Madison, Philadelphia
 Dr. Pam Kirk, Louisville
 1987-Dr. Brad Tucker, Decatur
 Dr. Addie R. Lee,
 Birmingham, AL.
 1988-Henry B. Hudspeth, Louisville
 Dr. Verbie Prevost, Hixson, TN
 1989-Dr. Eddie M. Smith, Decatur
 Dr. Walterine Herrington Bell,
 Jackson
 1990-Larry Hogue, Flowood
 Jo McMullan Taylor, Forest
 1991-Dr. Clyde Muse, Raymond
 Lois Blount Cooper, Decatur
 1992-Earl Marshall, Clinton
 June Bailey, Biloxi
 1993-Melvin Tingle, Decatur
 Patsy Dunigan Clark, Louisville
 1994-Paul V. Breazzeale, Jackson
 Jane Todd Gurry, Raleigh, NC
 1995-Dr. John Gipson, Newton
 Wanda Comans Sharp, Sebastopol
 1996-Ray Britt, Walnut Grove
 Brenda Whatley Kirby, Forest
 1997-Dick Livingston, Pulaski
 Carol Farish Vickers, Decatur
 1998-T. H. (Tam) Etheridge, Jackson
 Nell Allen Rogers, Philadelphia
 1999-Dr. Shelby L. Harris, Decatur
 Illene Richie Gordon, Union

Athletic Hall of Fame

1985-Denver Brackeen, Union
 1986-Lucille Wood, Decatur
 1987-Billy Wayne Baucum (Deceased)
 1988-Howard Jean Sessums (Deceased)
 1989-Lamar Blount, Decatur
 Arno Vincent, Meridian
 Earl Marshall, Clinton
 1990-Jeff Loper (Deceased)
 Richard Harris, Hickory
 Sherrell Ray Marshall, Jackson
 1991-Larry Henderson, Daphne, AL
 Diana Lyons Jones, Bay Springs
 Wayne Tullos, Belle Glade, FL
 1992-Evelyn Bender, Lawrence
 Joe Clark, Decatur
 Bert Thompson (Deceased)
 1993-Esther Thomas Coleman,
 Louisville
 Barbara Jo Davison Russell,
 Decatur
 Louis Watwood, Arlington, VA
 1994-Charlene Bates Jones, Forest
 Charlie Hope, Sharpsburg, GA
 Malcolm "Puddin" Jones
 (Deceased)
 1995-Clayton Blount, Decatur
 Nan Huston Keenan, Rose Hill
 James T. "Jim" Wood, Louisville
 1996-M.E. "Boc" Davis, Cary, NC
 John W. Golden,
 Stone Mountain, GA
 Julie Latham, Morton
 Malcolm Phillips, Newton
 1997-Tommye Williamson Alfonso
 (Deceased)
 Lester Baucum, Wiggins
 James L. "Creeper" Nelson,
 Newton
 1998-Van Chancellor, Houston, TX
 Deborah Norwood Duncan,
 Philadelphia
 Howard Sessums, Clinton
 1999-Daisy Kate Williams Chaney,
 Union
 Sam Rutigliano, Forest, VA
 Charles E. Ward, Pace, FL

Instructors of the Year

1982-Ovid Vickers
 1983-Dr. Shelby Harris
 1984-Jessie M. Everett
 1985-Bruce Guraedy
 Al Bailey
 1986-Ann Burkes
 O.L. Newell
 1987-Tommy Thrash
 Chester Clark
 1988-Dr. Richard Etheridge
 John Adcock
 1989-Joe Clark
 Larry Blackburn
 1990-Lois McMullan
 Wallace Keen
 1991-Tom Carson
 Ricky Harrison
 1992-Ron Davis
 Lester Miles
 1993-Lucille Wood
 Sara Griffin
 1994-Alice Pouncey
 Elizabeth Breland
 1995-Al Deaton
 Sarah A. Griffin
 1996-Charles Hinson
 Jimmy Dempsey
 1997-Dr. Richard Fisher
 Brenda Johnson
 1998-Leesa Wilkinson
 Conrad Germany
 1999-L.B. Bullock
 R.W. Clark

Lifetime Achievement Awards

1991-Dr. Austin Boggan, Decatur
 1994-Homer Hunter, Decatur
 Ovid Vickers, Decatur
 1996-W.H. Johnson, Jr., Decatur
 J. W. Thrash, Decatur



Alumni Luncheon

Mabry Memorial Cafeteria • October 16, 1999 • Noon

Presiding.....	Mr. Speedy Calvert ('76) President, ECCC Alumni Association
Invocation.....	Mr. James Breland Class of 1949
Alma Mater.....	ECCC Music Students Arrangement by Justin Sharp
Welcome and Introductions.....	Dr. Eddie M. Smith ('63) President
East Central Community College Foundation, Inc., Report.....	Mr. David Howell ('69) Chairman, Board of Directors
Recognition of the Homecoming Court.....	Dr. Eddie M. Smith
Nominating Committee Report and Election of Officers.....	Mrs. Ann Burkes ('63) Head Librarian and Co-Chair, Homecoming Steering Committee
Recognition of Special Alumni Groups.....	Mr. Larry Hogue ('61) Director of Development and Alumni Relations and Co-Chair, Homecoming Steering Committee
	Classes Ending in "9" • Ac'cents • Classes of 1957 and 1958 '65-'66-'67 Football Teams • Class of 1937 Warrior Marching Band Alumni
Special Recognitions.....	Mr. Randall Lee ('82) Dean of Students
Golf Tournament Winners.....	Mr. Joe Clark ('55) Men's Golf Coach
Tennis Tournament Winners.....	Mr. Mike Anderson ('72) Activities Director
Presentation of Instructors of the Year.....	Dr. Phil Sutphin Dean of Instruction
Presentation of Athletic Hall of Fame Awards.....	Mr. Sammy Pace '69 Athletic Director and Women's Basketball Coach
Presentation of Alumna of the Year.....	Dr. Eddie M. Smith
Presentation of Alumnus of the Year.....	Dr. Eddie M. Smith
Adjourn	



"Alumna of the Year"
ILLENE RICHIE GORDON
Class of 1946

For over 17 years Illene Richie Gordon of Union has served as a staff assistant to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, quietly taking care of the everyday concerns of Mississippi citizens. In recognition of her many years of service to the state and nation, Gordon was selected East Central Community College's Alumna of the Year.

Gordon was also honored earlier this year as one of the state's "unsung heroines" at the fourth annual Power of One Women's Conference in Jackson. Gordon was one of seven recipients of the prestigious award, presented in recognition of each honoree's "personal accomplishments and the lives they have touched."

Gordon, who spends most of her time dealing with concerns of the elderly, recently served on the National Bi-Partisan Medicare Commission for the Future of Medicare and on the State Job Training Coordinating Council. She said one of the biggest issues she faced as a Commission member concerned providing affordable prescription drugs for the elderly.

In addition to her work to assist senior citizens, Gordon has played a part in various other projects. She represented Senator Lott and joined with Congressman Chip Pickering and officials from the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Division, during the presentation of a \$3 million check to East Central which represented a loan to the College for construction of the recently completed new women's dormitory.

A graduate of Philadelphia High School, Gordon attended East Central from 1944 to 1946.

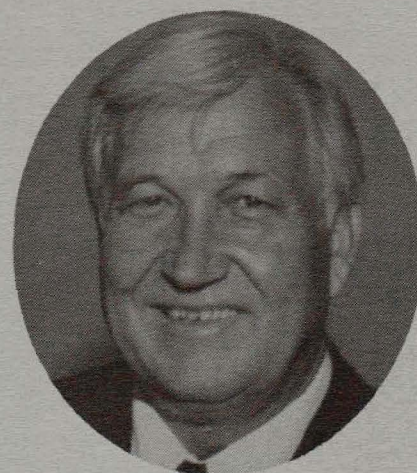
She served as editor of the first yearbook produced after the War and was a cheerleader for the first football team after the War. She was also a part of "morning watch," where students actually went door-to-door waking up roommates. In addition, she participated in the Baptist Student Union. Gordon was obviously a popular student, as evidenced by her selection as Miss ECJC.

After graduation from East Central, Gordon attended Mississippi Southern College (University of Southern Mississippi) and received a teaching certificate. She began teaching school in the Delta and in Amite County, and later taught at Beulah Hubbard where she served as public school music instructor.

During the period she taught at Beulah Hubbard, she and her husband, the late Rex Gordon, Sr., had settled in Decatur. Mr. Gordon had earlier graduated from the Cumberland School of Law in Lebanon, Tennessee, but they were "too poor" to start a law practice so he became an insurance adjuster for USF&G. He later began a law practice in Decatur, and after a few years decided to move the practice to Pascagoula where he formed a partnership. They resided in Pascagoula until 1988, when they moved back to Union.

Joining Mrs. Gordon as she is being presented as ECCC's "Alumna of the Year" will be her son, Rex Jr., an attorney in Union, his wife Patricia and their daughters, Mim and Mary Catherine.

"Alumnus of the Year"
DR. SHELBY L. HARRIS
Class of 1958



Dr. Shelby L. Harris, who retired after the 1999 spring semester, had taught mathematics at ECCC since 1963. He had also served as chairman of the mathematics and science division since 1986. For his many years of dedicated service, he is being honored as the College's "Alumnus of the Year."

In addition to serving as faculty advisor for Alpha Alpha Epsilon, the national engineering honor society, and the Scholars Bowl Team (1985 to 1995), perhaps his greatest contribution at EC has been to Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college. Harris was inducted into Theta Xi in 1957 when he was a student at ECCC. Since 1986, he and EC head librarian Ann Burkes have served as co-advisors of the organization and have taken Theta Xi members to 13 national conventions. Theta Xi has taken honors in several categories at the national level each year and at the last Mississippi/Louisiana Regional Convention they were selected the top chapter.

During his career, Harris has been recognized on several occasions for his outstanding achievements. He was selected for participation in the Lamplighter program, a project to honor outstanding faculty in Mississippi's community and junior colleges. He was selected to represent Mississippi at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Delegates Assembly in Salt Lake City in 1990, and he received the 25-year service pin from the Mississippi Engineering Society. He was also selected for membership in numerous honorary fraternities.

In 1989, Harris was selected by East Central as HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working Toward Academic Excellence) Instructor of the Year, and in 1990 Harris represented East Central at the University of Texas in Austin at the NISOD (National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development) program to reward outstanding community college faculty from all over the nation.

In 1997, Harris received the Margaret Mosal Award from Phi Theta Kappa, an honor which carried with it a \$2,000 financial award. Harris used the award to establish the Margaret Mosal Leadership Scholarship at East Central, and in addition he matched the \$2,000 from the Phi Theta Kappa Award with a like amount of his own money.

In the years since Harris started teaching, it's obvious he has distinguished himself as an outstanding instructor and advisor by his selection as ECCC's "Outstanding Academic Instructor of the Year" in 1983 and his being chosen as Phi Theta Kappa's Warren Distinguished Regional Advisor in 1993 and Giles Distinguished Advisor International in 1994.

In the community, Harris has been active with the Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce and the Decatur Lions Club.

A graduate of Union High School, Harris attended East Central from 1956 to 1958. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. After completing the master's degree at Mississippi State University, Harris earned the Educational Doctorate at USM. He has taken additional coursework at Tulane University, Florida State University in Tallahassee, Mississippi College, the University of Tennessee and the University of Nairobi, Kenya in East Africa.



"Athletic Hall of Fame"
DAISY KATE WILLIAMS CHANEY
Class of 1940

Daisy Kate Williams Chaney of Union was a member of the 1938-39 and 1939-40 "Decatur Warriorettes," as the East Central women's basketball teams were called in those days, and was an All-State selection her freshman year. The 5'10" forward averaged 20 points per game and led East Central to successful seasons both years.

During this period, women's basketball was played on a half-court format, with six players on each team - three on offense and three on defense.

Among highlights during Chaney's career at East Central included one game in which she amazingly scored six points in the game's final minute to beat Raymond (Hinds) 37-35.

Playing for the state championship her freshman year was also a memorable time, even though the Warriorettes lost the title by a slim margin. The Warriorettes also advanced to the state tournament her sophomore season.

Chaney was known for her famous "overhead shots," and she was also recognized for her friendly demeanor on court. According to one sports article about a Warriorette contest, Chaney was described as "a girl with great charm and an attractive personality." The article continued, "She is so friendly she smiles even when a foul is called on her."

Prior to enrolling at East Central, Chaney was an All-State basketball standout at Beulah-Hubbard High School in Little Rock, where she was a first team member all four years.

As was the case in college, Chaney averaged about 20 points per game at Beulah-Hubbard, although during one contest she pumped in 31 points. During her senior year, the Lady Rebels did not lose a game until Chalylbeate, a team from North Mississippi, eliminated them from further competition in the state tournament.

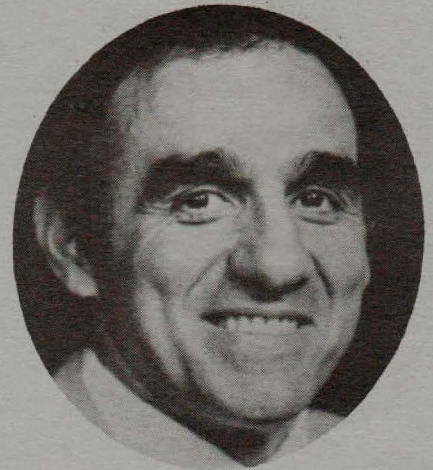
Following her high school career, Chaney was offered an opportunity to become a member of the traveling professional team, "The Redheads," but chose instead to attend East Central.

Soon after graduation from East Central, she and Amos M. Chaney married and he was later drafted for military service during World War II. He was wounded in battle and was sent home after receiving an honorable discharge.

The Chaneys settled in Union during 1946 and operated Chaney Motors, a used car business, for many years. Mr. Chaney operated the business until 1968, but due to poor health had to give up day-to-day operations. Mrs. Chaney continued the business until her retirement in 1978. Mr. Chaney died on December 24, 1981. The Chaneys had one daughter, Kay Chaney Smith, a 1964 ECCC graduate, who teaches special education at Union High School. Kay's daughter Bobbie Kay, graduated from East Central in 1987. She is married to Greg Hillman ('81) and they have two children, CeCe and Drew. The Hillmans reside in Carthage.

Now almost 81 years "young," Chaney said she stays as active as possible by gardening and tending to her fig tree, from which she is known to make some very tasty preserves. And, she even "pitches" the basketball at a goal she still has set up behind her house. "After all, you'll never know when those traveling red heads might come calling again," she quipped.

"Athletic Hall of Fame"
SAM RUTIGLIANO
Class of 1951



During his junior year at Erasmus High School, which was 1949, Sam Rutigliano and his teammates won the city championship in football. But his high school career was stopped cold in 1950, because the New York City coaches went on strike. He was so upset that football had been taken away from him that he quit school and got a job delivering telegrams for RCA in New York City. A while later, a recruiter from the University of Tennessee came to see him. He had read about the city championship and the coaches' strike. He told Rutigliano that the University of Tennessee would pay all the costs of sending him to East Central Junior College in Decatur, Mississippi, where he could finish high school and play football, too. He accepted the offer to go to Mississippi and then on to Tennessee."

During the 1950 season Rutigliano, who actually was classified as a senior at Newton County Agricultural High School, then a part of ECJC, played offensive and defensive end for the Warriors who posted a 9-3 record, which included a 19-14 win over South Georgia in the Tobacco Bowl. Highlights during the season for Rutigliano included five receptions he made in a 32-20 win over Southwest, and the 12 points he scored in a 40-7 thrashing of Northwest.

Following football season, Rutigliano played basketball for the Warriors until January, 1951, when he officially graduated from high school and transferred to the University of Tennessee.

The Volunteers, coached at that time by the legendary General Robert R. Neyland, won the national championship in 1952. Rutigliano later transferred to Tulsa University, where he received a bachelor's degree in education in 1956. He would later earn a master's degree in education from Columbia University in 1959.

After his graduation from college, Rutigliano coached in New York City high schools until he landed a job at the University of Connecticut. From there he went to the University of Maryland and later began his coaching career in the pro ranks. His pro football coaching experience included stints at Denver, New England, New York Jets and the New Orleans Saints, until he realized his lifelong dream and became head coach of the Cleveland Browns in 1978.

During his tenure at Cleveland, Rutigliano was twice named AFC Coach of the Year by United Press International, and was selected NFL Coach of the Year in 1980 after leading Cleveland to an 11-5 record and the AFC Central Division title. He left the Browns during the 1984 season and became a color commentator for ESPN/NBC from 1985-1988.

Rutigliano was chosen head football coach at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, in 1989, where he is now in his eleventh season and 40th year in coaching.

In addition to his coaching career, Rutigliano has also found time to become an author. His literary career began with the publication of the 1986 PRO FOOTBALL SCOUTING REPORT, published by Harper and Row. In 1988 he wrote and published his autobiography entitled, PRESSURE. He also remains in great demand as a speaker throughout the entire western world. He conducts coaching clinics as far away as Australia and Italy and is in constant demand as a motivational speaker throughout the United States.

Rutigliano and his wife, Barbara, have three grown children and two grandchildren.



"Athletic Hall of Fame"
CHARLES E. WARD
Class of 1957

Charlie Ward of Pace, Florida, was a standout halfback and defensive back on the 1955 and 1956 Warrior football teams. He also excelled as a member of the College's baseball teams during his freshman and sophomore seasons. He was captain of the baseball team for both seasons and on several occasions was game captain for the Warrior football squads. Prior to beginning his EC career, Ward was a three-year letter-winner in football, basketball and baseball at Louisville High School.

In addition to his participation in Warrior sports, Ward served as president of the student body association. He was also voted a class favorite and was the recipient of the President's Award and citizenship award. He was also an honor student, and credits the faculty for much of his success.

After Ward graduated from East Central in 1957, he continued his athletic career at Louisiana College in Pineville, Louisiana, where he again excelled in football and baseball. Instead of playing halfback, Ward was moved to quarterback, and subsequently led Louisiana College to its best record in school history - a 9-2 mark which included a 39-12 win over Arkansas Tech in the 1959 Rice Bowl. Ward, who also served as co-captain, said the season highlight was a 13-12 come-from-behind win over homestanding Northwest Louisiana. In that game, Ward completed a 50-yard pass to Bill Gardner for the tying touchdown, and was the holder for the winning PAT. After graduating from Louisiana College with a bachelor's degree in mathematics in 1959, Ward fulfilled a lifelong dream by playing professional baseball in the North Louisiana Rookie League for one season.

He entered the Navy in November, 1959 through the Officer Candidate Program. Upon receiving his commission in April, 1960, Ward entered the Naval Flight Officer Program earning his Navy "Wings of Gold" in 1961.

His personal military awards include three Legions of Merit, the Navy's third highest award, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, and three Navy Commendation Medals, one with the Combat "V" for coordinating the rescue of two airmen shot down behind enemy lines in North Vietnam.

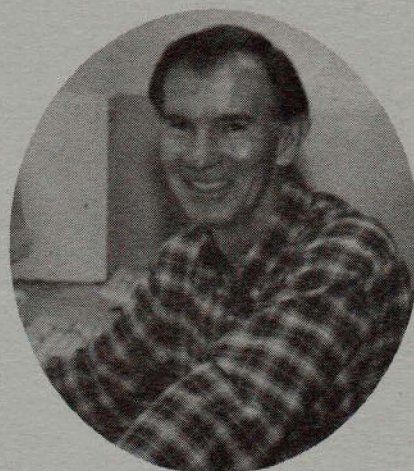
Ward attended the Navy Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, during 1971-72, earning a master's degree in computer systems management. In 1997, he was named a Distinguished Graduate of the Navy War College in Newport, Rhode Island, which included a rigorous 10-month curriculum on defense economics and decision making. Ward retired from active duty in July, 1990 following his "twilight" tour in Pensacola.

In 1991, Ward began his employment with Raytheon Aerospace, serving as the site manager for aircraft maintenance operations on the Navy's primary trainer aircraft at Naval Air Station Whiting Field in Milton, Florida. He retired from Raytheon in 1998, and now works for as an independent consultant for aircraft maintenance activities.

He is married to the former Gail Spratt of Warwick, Rhode Island, his wife of 35 years. They have three sons: Roger, Mike, and David. Mike and his wife Karen recently presented the Wards with their first grandchildren, twin boys Bailey and Kyler. Among family members expected to attend the induction ceremony is Ward's mother, Hilda Parker Ward of Louisville, who graduated from East Central in 1932 and was class valedictorian.

"Academic Instructor of the Year"

L.B. BULLOCK



How does one decide to become a teacher? For L.B. Bullock, East Central Community College's Academic Instructor of the Year, it was an easy decision. He said, "When I graduated from high school, I didn't know what anyone did except teach or become a mechanic like my father. I was not a very good mechanic so I decided on teaching. And I always knew I wanted to do something related to mathematics."

Bullock's career in education began at Martin Junior High in Natchez in 1965 where he began teaching mathematics. "I was teaching across the hall from Dr. (Eddie M.) Smith who was a science teacher," said Bullock.

But mathematics was just the beginning for Bullock. The computer age began to emerge. Computers were becoming more widely used in homes and in the classroom. In 1983, Bullock and two fellow teachers at South Natchez High School, where he continued his teaching career, received a grant to take computer courses and to buy a computer for their school. "We purchased an Apple 2+ computer that contained two floppy disk drives and a black and white monitor. We had a cart on which we rolled it from one classroom to the next," said Bullock.

Bullock taught full time in the Natchez Public School System before taking the job at ECCC. During that time he also taught part-time at the University of Southern Mississippi's Natchez campus and on the Natchez campuses of Copiah-Lincoln Community College and Alcorn State University.

In 1989, Bullock, who teaches only computer courses now, began teaching mathematics and computer science at East Central Community College. In the past 10 years he has seen many changes. "When I first got to EC, I had to teach classes in the vocational-technical computer lab because there was no academic lab," said Bullock. "I had 15 computers for 40 students to use and there were only three computer courses offered."

In 1990, a lab with 16 computers was added for academic classes and last year the computer science department was moved to the College's South Campus where a new lab with 30 computers was installed. Bullock and an additional computer science instructor now teach 12 day classes and two evening courses.

Bullock is a graduate of Collins High School and attended Jones County Junior College. He received his bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Southern Mississippi and his master's degree in math from Mississippi State University. He has taken additional coursework at USM and Jackson State University.

He is a past president and vice president of the Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics and is a former director of the Mississippi Educational Computing Association, of which he is still a member. He is also a member of the Mississippi Junior/Community College Faculty Association. He was chosen a Mississippi Economic Council STAR Teacher at South Natchez High School.

Bullock and his wife, Ann, who teaches Business Technology at ECCC, have four children. Michelle is a police officer in Memphis, Tennessee. Terry lives in Decatur and is the financial manager at Sunbelt Motors in Meridian. Jo-Shannon is a physical therapist and lives in Columbia and Emily is a senior at USM. They have five grandchildren: Will, Wes, Parker, Rachel-Catherine and Sam.

When asked how he felt about being honored, Bullock said, "I was really excited and I was very pleased to hear that I had been chosen."



"Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year" **RICHARD CLARK**

Some might say Richard Clark found his job by chance. While visiting his friend Al Deaton several years ago, 1969 to be exact, he asked about the new building that was going up on the East Central campus. Deaton told Clark that the building was going to be the new vocational-technical building.

"I told him I was proud they were doing that," said Clark, "and he said 'well they have a machine shop in there, isn't that what you do?' I said yes and he replied, 'Well would you like to go over there and see it?'"

"I said I would, so Al called Mr. (O.L.) Newell, who was the director of the vocational-technical division then, and he came up on Sunday afternoon and opened the building for us to look," Clark said. "We looked around for a while and little did I know, but I was being interviewed for the job (as machine shop instructor). As we walked around in the shop he asked me a bunch of questions. I remember he asked me what one particular machine was and I told him the name of it. He said I was the only person he had asked that knew what it was."

At this time, Clark was working at U.S. Electrical Motors in Philadelphia. Just a few days later, Newell called and asked Clark if he would like to interview for the machine shop instructor position.

He did apply and is now working on his twenty-ninth year as instructor in the Machine Shop Technology program. He taught for 17 years before leaving to work in industry. When the position was available two years later, Clark returned to East Central.

"I could've made more money working in industry, but I'm not in it for the money. I feel like I'm where I need to be because it seems that everytime I tried to get out of this field, the good Lord directed me right back to where I am. I feel I'm doing what the Lord wants me to do.

"From the day I was hired, I found that helping people learn is a really enjoyable thing. It's very rewarding. It's good to see someone learn and be able to do something they can make a good living at."

When asked what is the best thing about teaching, Clark replied, "When you can see a person build something that turns out to be a quality item, it makes you feel good that you had a part in it." He says the worst thing is "when students are disinterested and won't put forth the effort."

Clark attended Arlington High School and graduated from Neshoba Central High School. He attended East Central Junior College from 1959 to 1961 and completed his associate's degree in 1980. He also attended Mississippi State University. He is a member of MAVE (Mississippi Association of Vocational Educators) and VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) and a past member of AVA (American Vocational Association). In 1987, he was selected to Who's Who Among American Teachers.

He and his wife, Lynette, who is the bookkeeper and office manager for the Neshoba County Co-Op, have three children. Kent is a poultry farmer in Philadelphia and Glynn is a truck driver in Bessemer, Alabama. Debbie lives in Southaven, where she teaches at Olive Branch. They also have three grandchildren: Jonathan, Amanda and Hanna.

When asked how he felt about this honor Clark said, "It's quite an honor to be selected. I don't know who nominated me, but I'm appreciative to whoever thought enough of me to do that."



ECCC NAMES ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN HONOR OF FORMER PRESIDENT

The East Central Community College Board of Trustees has named the College's Administration Building in honor of former president Walter Arno Vincent who led the institution from 1953-1962.

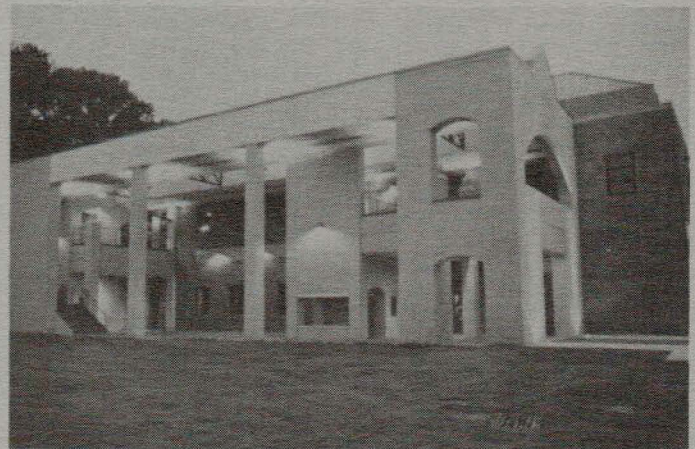
Vincent began his employment at the College in 1947, serving in various capacities including assistant football coach, head basketball coach, math teacher, registrar and dean of students prior to his selection as the College's third president. The building originally served as the College's library and was constructed during Vincent's tenure as president.

Vincent and his wife, Ruth, reside in Meridian.

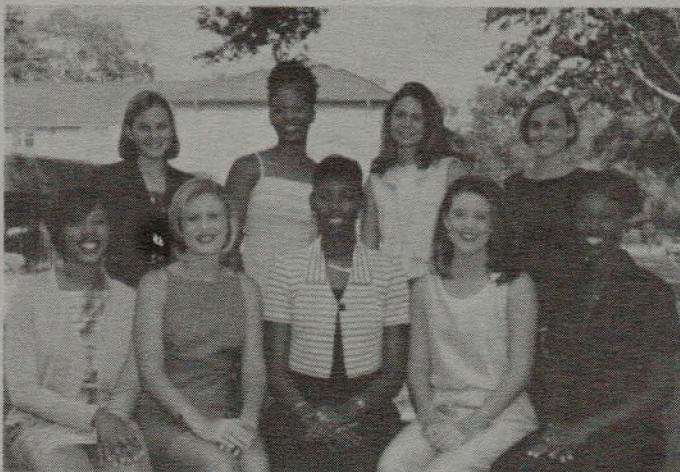
A dedication ceremony for the Walter Arno Vincent Administration Building will be announced at a later date.

NEW ECCC STUDENT UNION

Construction was completed this summer on Phase One of the College's new Student Union, which houses offices for Student Services and Admissions, Records and Research personnel. The 14,104 square-foot structure was completed at a cost of \$2.3 million, with funding provided through state bond sources. The new facility is named in honor of ECCC President Dr. Eddie M. Smith, who earlier announced plans to retire in June, 2000. Construction to begin Phase Two of the project-which includes the addition of a food court, recreation and study areas, and the College bookstore-will be announced at a later date.



1999 Homecoming Court



Members of the 1999 Homecoming Court include (seated, from left) sophomore maids Tanequa Kirkland of Neshoba Central and Katrina Hyde of Louisville, queen LaShanta Lyles of Morton, maid of honor Angela Jayroe of Louisville and sophomore maid Valerie Barfield of Neshoba Central; and (standing, from left) freshman maids Natalie Boggan of Newton County, McKenzie Mack of Morton, Marci Patterson of Winston Academy and Emily Boggan of Newton County.

ECCC REPORTS RECORD ENROLLMENT!

A record 2228 students are enrolled this fall at East Central Community College, announced Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records and Research.

McMullan said the enrollment total represents an increase of 75 students, or 3.5 percent, as compared to previous record of 2153 students who registered for classes during the 1998 fall term.

Included in the record enrollment are 1692 full-time students and 536 who attend classes on a part-time basis.

East Central is experiencing an enrollment increase for the fifteenth consecutive year.



BARBER HALL DEDICATED

A dedication ceremony for Erma Lee Barber Hall, a new women's dormitory at ECCC, was held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, October 12, 1999. The facility is named for the former Dean of Women who served the college from 1952 until her retirement in 1971.

The 26,529 square-foot structure, located on the College's South Campus, houses 128 female students and was completed at a cost of \$3.1 million. Funding for the project was provided by a loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Division. Payment for the loan is provided over a 25-year period through special tax levies as approved by the five ECCC district county boards of supervisors.

ECCC TO DEDICATES CAMPUS PROJECT IN HONOR OF DAY FAMILY

The recently completed campus-wide arboretum and outdoor classroom project at East Central Community College has been named in honor of the family mainly responsible for its funding. The College's Board of Trustees approved naming the project in memory of the Day family. Dedication ceremonies were held at 9 a.m. this morning.

The project was initiated by the Rev. Jane Todd Gurry (Class of 1951) of Raleigh, North Carolina, who first promoted the planting of additional trees and further landscaping on the East Central campus. She was joined in the effort by her brother, Dr. Joe Todd (Class of 1953), a cardiovascular surgeon in Cincinnati, Ohio. Both are among descendants of the late Samuel Marion and Eliza Frances Day of Newton County. Other Day family members who contributed to the project include Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Pruden of Hope, Arkansas and J. E. and Betty Cox of Dallas, Texas. Rev. Gurry and Dr. Todd are the children of the late Dr. L. O. Todd who was ECCC president from 1934 to 1962.

To date, over \$30,000 has been invested in the project, with more than half of that amount donated by the Day family. Included in the total amount contributed is approximately \$15,000 worth of in-kind services by individuals and groups. A significant in-kind gift is the donation of 220 trees by Colonel Albert Smith (Class of 1937) of Mascotte, Florida.

Funding has also come from a \$10,000 grant provided by the Urban and Community Forestry Program of the Mississippi Forestry Commission and the USDA Forest Service in cooperation with the Southern Group of State Foresters.

Since last spring, almost 300 trees have been planted on the East Central campus, 91 of which are now labeled with both their scientific and common names.

Also during the 1998-99 College term, a campus-wide effort culminated in the development of a Campus Botanical Guide. For each tree, the guide shows art depicting typical as well as descriptive characteristics. Copies of the guide have been distributed on campus and are available for the public.

Among campus locations designated as an "outdoor classroom" is an area near the recently completed fitness trail located on the north end of the Decatur campus between the College lake and softball field.

Responsible for implementing the Day Family Memorial Campus Arboretum and Outdoor Classroom Project is Ron Davis, chairman of East Central's science division. "With the development of this project, the campus has literally been transformed into an outdoor classroom, one that will benefit students, the community and the general public for generations to come," Davis said.